

HUMAN SERVICES

ISSUES

The Human Services program element of the Capital Improvement Program consists of mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse programs and child care services. The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and the Office for Children are the two major providers of these services and are addressed in the following sections.

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

The Fairfax-Fall Church Community Services Board both directly operates and contracts for mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse treatment programs and services for resident of Fairfax County. Public mental health services are provided by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board through three community mental health centers: Mount Vernon, Northwest and Woodburn. Public alcohol and drug abuse treatment and education services are provided by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board through its Alcohol and Drug Services. Additional mental health and alcohol and drug services are provided through contractual arrangements. Services offered to persons with mental illness and substance abuse problems include emergency, outpatient, day programs, long and short term residential, prevention and early intervention. In addition, inpatient psychiatric services are available for mentally ill persons and detoxification for substance abusers. Mental retardation services include case management, residential and day support, transportation, respite, and family support. In addition, the Northern Virginia Training Center, serving individuals with mental retardation and the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute, providing services to persons with mental health problems, are located in Fairfax County. Both of these state facilities are operated by the Virginia Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services.

The political and economic changes of the past two decades have presented challenges to the Community Services Board in its efforts to provide mental health, mental retardation, and alcohol and drug services. The CSB has regularly documented the critical need for

community-based residential services for persons with mental retardation, mental illness, and substance abusing problems. The trend toward downsizing state facilities and serving people in their communities has increased the need for development of resources in the community. In addition, there are long waiting lists for individuals in need of community residential supports, many of whom also need wheelchair accessibility.

Once thought of as an alternative to institutional placement, community residences now have become a focal point for the care of persons disabled by mental illness, mental retardation and substance abuse.

There are additional issues associated with the residential support needs for people with mental retardation. There are currently 540 individuals with mental retardation who need congregate residential services. These 540 people currently live in the community and this number does not include those additional people residing at State facilities. In addition to the unmet needs of these people, Mental Retardation Services must address the changing needs of the people currently served. As an example, many people currently residing in group homes are experiencing deteriorating health, aging issues and also the onset of Alzheimer's disease. These combined factors necessitate a conversion to barrier-free housing in order to continue to serve these individuals. In addition, young people who are funded for out-of-home placements through the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) age out of CSA eligibility at age 22 and if these individuals are diagnosed with mental retardation, then our system needs additional residential capacity to serve them.

Mental Retardation Services will continue to partner with the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to maximize participation in Medicaid funding for the ongoing clinical support needs of these individuals. Medicaid funding does not pay for the acquisition or construction of housing. In addition, Mental Retardation Services remains committed to privatization and will continue to partner with private licensed service provider agencies for the operation of these programs.

Department of Family Services' Office for Children

The Department of Family Services' Office for Children (OFC) provides direct and support services to meet the child care needs of families in Fairfax County. Through its services, the agency advances the care, education and healthy development of children from birth through intermediate-school age. Through subsidized child development and family enhancement programs, low-income families are assisted in becoming self-sufficient and in breaking the cycle of poverty. The support services provided by OFC programs include coordinating all County-sponsored child care services for efficient delivery to residents, monitoring the child care provided in small home-based child care businesses in Fairfax County, tracking and responding to Federal and State child care legislation, and subsidizing child care fees of low- and moderate-income families using child care centers and family day care homes. The agency actively works to increase the supply of child care services and programs in the County by recruiting qualified providers for home-based care and by developing and funding new community-based child care centers. In addition, OFC works cooperatively with the business community to develop employer-sponsored child care benefit programs. The agency also provides training and technical assistance to providers of child care in order to help them maintain and upgrade the quality of care for children. Parents are assisted in locating child care through the Child Care Resource System (CCRS) and, when selecting a family day care home, are assured of a safe child-care environment when such a setting has been issued a permit by the Office for Children.

Direct services provided by OFC programs include operating the School-Age Child Care (SACC) program in County elementary schools, and operating the Fairfax County Employees' Child Care Center for the children of County employees. The agency also administers the Head Start program (3-5 year-old children) for low-income families and operates and administers the Early Head Start program for low-income pregnant women and families with children from birth through two years of age.

PROGRAM GOALS

The major goals of the Community Services Board Program in the County include:

- 1) To provide community services as an alternative to institutional placements;
- 2) To provide facilities and services which will enhance the physical health, mental health and social well-being of County citizens;
- 3) To establish additional group homes which promote integration within the community for persons who are mentally ill and mentally retarded;
- 4) To provide facilities and services that will assist in the rehabilitation of individuals recovering from alcohol and drug abuse; and
- 5) To establish additional treatment facilities in new growth areas to accommodate the human services needs for of local residents.
- 6) To continue partnerships with Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services for maximizing Medicaid revenues to fund clinical residential supports.
- 7) To continue a commitment to privatization by working collaboratively with private service provider agencies for the delivery of residential support services.

The major goal of the Office for Children is:

- 1) To support, promote and provide quality child care and early childhood education services in Fairfax County.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GUIDANCE

The introductory section to the Human Services Element of the Policy Plan stresses a need for interagency coordination, accessibility (both in

design and location), and land-use compatibility in the programming of new facilities. This element discusses Human Services by agency.

The section concerning the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board emphasizes facility construction in keeping with demand as exhibited by waiting lists for existing facilities. This includes long term residential facilities and treatment facilities, such as those included in the CIP.

The Human Services Element also includes a section regarding the Office for Children which expresses an objective to provide SACC programs in all existing and new elementary schools. Although the CIP funding does not completely satisfy this objective, it moves the program significantly closer to that goal.

RECENT PROGRAM ACTIVITY

In November 1988, voters approved a Human Services bond referendum for three projects. A sum of \$7.5 million was included for the relocation and expansion of the Crossroads residential facility for adolescents and adults with alcohol and drug problems. Funds of \$5.9 million were approved for the relocation and expansion of a shorter-term alcohol and drug treatment program, "A New Beginning."

In addition, \$1.7 million was approved for the renovation of the vacated "A New Beginning" facility to provide a new Dual Diagnosis facility to serve as a specialized treatment residence for clients who are both mentally ill and substance abusers.

In November 1990, voters approved a Human Services bond referendum for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Licensed Home for Adults (\$3.3 million) and funding for School Age Child Care Centers (\$6.2 million), to be operated by the Office for Children.

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board opened the Adult Care Residence in October 1999. The Dual Diagnosis facility opened in April 1999 under the program name "Cornerstones".

The Office Children opened SACC centers at Braddock, Crestwood, Hybla Valley and Churchill Road in FY 2001 and McNair, Kilmer and Kings Glen in FY 2002.

CURRENT PROGRAM SUMMARY

Three projects are included in the Human Services functional area. The total cost for these projects is \$40.38 million. Stage of development (i.e., construction, design and pre-design) identified below reflects project status as of January 1, 2002.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Construction

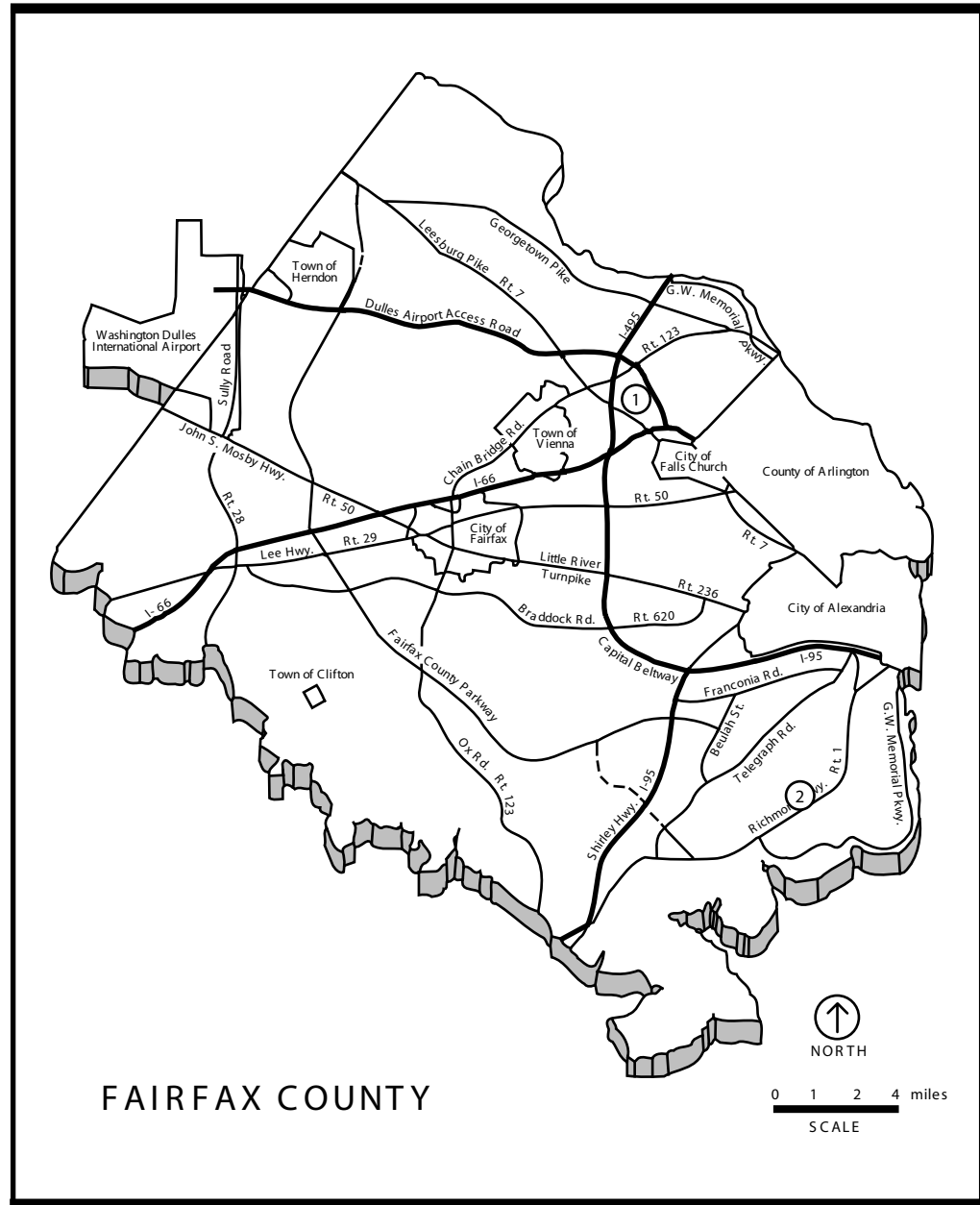
1. **Falls Church-McLean Children's Center.** \$1,959,000 for the construction of an 8,000 square foot child care center at the Lemon Road Elementary School to replace leased space in the Chesterbook Presbyterian Church.
2. **South County Center.** \$35,920,000 to provide a new facility under a public/private agreement which will consolidate County services in the Route One Corridor that currently occupy leased space. This project will also include a revitalization component for this corridor.

MAINTENANCE

3. **School Age Child Care Centers.** This is continuing project for which a contribution of \$500,000 per year is scheduled to offset school operating and overhead costs associated with SACC centers.

Human Services

1. Falls Church - McLean
Children's Center at
Lemon Road Elementary School
2. South County Center



**PROJECT COST SUMMARIES
HUMAN SERVICES
(\$000's)**

PROJECT TITLE/NUMBER (FUNDING SOURCE)/1	TOTAL PROJECT COST /2	AUTHORIZED/ EXPENDED THRU FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	TOTAL FY2003-FY2007	TOTAL FY2008-FY2012	ADDITIONAL NEEDED
<u>NEW CONSTRUCTION</u>										
<u>Construction*</u>										
1. Falls Church-McLean Children's Ctr /009450 (G)	\$1,959	\$600	\$1,359					\$1,359		
2. South County Center (/2) /009425	35,920	30,810	1,022	1,022	1,022	1,022	1,022	5,110		
TOTAL - NEW CONSTRUCTION	37,879	31,410	2,381	1,022	1,022	1,022	1,022	6,469		
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>										
3. SACC Centers / 007012 (G) /3	2,500	/4	500	500	500	500	500	2,500	1,500	/4
TOTAL - MAINTENANCE	2,500		500	500	500	500	500	2,500	1,500	
GRAND TOTAL	\$40,379	\$31,410	\$2,881	\$1,522	\$1,522	\$1,522	\$1,522	\$8,969	\$1,500	

/1 G = General funds, BO = general obligation bonds, U = undetermined.

/2 Proposed sources of funding include \$29 million from Madison Development Partners and \$6.920 million from County General Funds for the contingency, communications, move-in and lease purchase of furniture. For FY 2003-FY 2007 funding of \$1,022,000 per year for five years is proposed from General Funds for systems furniture.

Construction cost will be paid by a capital lease with the County which will be absorbed as an operating cost.

/3 Funding of \$500,000 is provided for annual contribution to offset school operating and overhead costs associated with SACC centers.

/4 This is a continuing program. Past and future funding beyond FY 2012 are not shown.

* Stage of development reflects project status of January 1, 2002.